

NURSE RAPS DR. THORPE

Refutes Denial in Astor Suit

Witness Tells of Gay Nights as Doctor Entertained Women in Home

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room, where Dr. Thorpe was attempting to hold her in check. TELL OF WOUNDS "Miss Taylor had been drinking but Dr. Thorpe had not," said Officer Walker. "Dr. Thorpe told me that Miss Taylor had stabbed him with a carving fork and he showed me the two wounds on his thigh. He said that he had met the woman only a couple of times and that while he didn't want to prefer charges against her, he wanted her to get out of the house because of his child."

The child at the time, according to the officer, was sitting up in its bed in another bedroom across the hall. Nurse Richardson testified later that at the time the child was not frightened but merely curious as to what was happening in the house.

In an effort to prove that 4-year-old Marilyn has been afraid of her father, Nurse Richardson was questioned about the child's attitude toward him.

SAYS CHILD SPANKED "The child was timid and afraid of her father," said the nurse without hesitation. "He spanked her." "Did you ever spank her?" asked Judge Knight.

"Yes," replied the nurse, after a short hesitation. Laughter in the courtroom had to be stopped by the bailiff. During the midst of the session so annoying became the staccato barks of a compressed-air drill in the street that Judge Knight called a recess until the whole proceedings could be moved into the courtroom of Superior Judge Charles E. Haas.

DOCTOR HAS INNING After she had given her testimony, considered most damaging to the reputation of Dr. Thorpe, Miss Richardson admitted, under cross-examination, that she had had long conversations on at least four different occasions with Attorney Woolley at his office and at the home of Miss Astor.

Dr. Thorpe had a brief inning in the evidence last night when, at the opening of the session, he was able to testify that on at least one occasion when he visited his child at the home of his mother, Miss Astor had been drinking.

"GOING TO BE WAR" "She became angry because I was an hour late in getting the child home one evening," said Dr. Thorpe. "I tried to reason with her and conciliate but she was so angry she wouldn't listen. She told me that 'there was going to be war.'"

When Attorney Woolley asked Dr. Thorpe if he ever drank, the latter was quick to respond: "I frequently have a highball before dinner. Being a surgeon I cannot afford to drink."

The father said that at no time did he see Miss Astor show a devoted, motherly interest in their child.

"It was a casual interest," he said.

ANNULMENT PROCEEDINGS The story of toys and gifts sent from New York to the child by her mother was recited by Dr. Thorpe, who added that he, too, had bought clothes and playthings for Marilyn.

Ruth Chatterton and Fritz Lang were back in court again last night and remained until the session was adjourned to 6 p.m. today. Next Monday daytime sessions will be conducted, according to Judge Knight.

In the meantime the wheels of justice continue to grind the gist of a new action—that of annulment of the marriage of Dr. Thorpe and Miss Astor. Attorney Woolley said last night that the annulment proceedings will be ready for court within a month.

Rogers Paid Final Tribute

With nearly 500 prominent citizens of the Southland attending, funeral services for George A. Rogers, sportsman and financier who died on his yacht Sunday in Newport Bay, were conducted yesterday at the Wee Kirk o' the Heather.

The Episcopal rites were read by Dr. Ray O. Miller, pastor of St. James Episcopal Church, entombment was in the Forest Lawn Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Among more than 100 outstanding citizens of Newport Beach who attended the services were Mayor Harry Williamson, Harbor Master Tom Bouchey, City Engineer R. L. Patterson and Harry Welsh, secretary of the Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce.

In respect to the memory of Mr. Rogers, the Harbor Commission of Los Angeles adjourned at the conclusion of its business session yesterday and attended the funeral in a body.

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Battles Over Custody of Daughter



Dr. Franklin Thorpe, husband of Mary Astor, motion-picture actress, center, chats with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Thorpe, during a recess in his court battle with the red-haired actress over custody of their 4-year-old daughter Marilyn.



Hearing herself included among the four women who Nurse Nellie Richardson says spent several nights in Dr. Franklin Thorpe's bedroom, Lillian Lawton Miles, pictured above, is a nightly spectator at the sensational trial for custody of Mary Astor's child.

CATO URGES 800 MORE MEN FOR ROAD PATROL

"We need more uniformed men to patrol California's highways!" That was the crux of a brief safety plea voiced yesterday by Chief Raymond Cato of the State Highway Patrol at a meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Chief Cato made known his request for at least 800 more State highway patrolmen at the same time that he disclosed how California's traffic detail has been acting as a clinic to analyze mortality causes during the past two years. More rapid enforcement of the State's highway regulations Chief Cato termed the hard way of attaining traffic safety. But he asserted that it is the only way.

"We have 86,000 miles of improved highways in California," he said. "To patrol this road system we have exactly 657 men. We need at least 1500."

"To obtain this increase in our force, I suggest a fairer distribution of the \$3 license fee."

At present, he explained, the State Highway Patrol receives about \$2,000,000 annually for all its expenses. This is less than 20 per cent of the revenue accruing from motorists' registration fees.

DAILY Excursion FARES BETWEEN LOS ANGELES AND THE BEACHES Special ROUNDTRIP EXCURSION FARES Now in Effect. LONG BEACH, East Long Beach, SAN PEDRO, WILMINGTON, REDONDO BEACH, HERMOSA BEACH, Manhattan Beach. ROUNDTRIP 55¢. Good returning within 10 days from date of sale. Tickets on sale daily by Agents and Conductors from July 1st to Dec. 31st, inclusive. BALBOA BEACH, NEWPORT BEACH, Huntington Beach. ROUNDTRIP \$1.00. Children under 12 yrs. 50¢. VENICE, Playa del Rey, SANTA MONICA, OCEAN PARK. ROUNDTRIP 35¢. Children under 12 yrs. 20¢. SEAL BEACH, Anaheim Landing. ROUNDTRIP 60¢. Children under 12 yrs. 30¢. PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY

EVANGELIST GIVES DENIAL

Mrs. McPherson, in North, Declares Andrews Will Not Replace Moidel

Oil on the troubled waters of long-distance telephone from Portland yesterday when Aimee Semple McPherson, surrounded by curious newspapermen bombarding her for latest developments in the turmoil, authorized her daughter, Roberta Semple, to state that Jacob Moidel, Temple attorney, is still on the job.

RUMORS PERSIST Nevertheless, rumors persisted from sources close to the mother church that the red-haired attorney, the purported fiancé of Miss Semple, will complete his work for Mrs. McPherson this week and his place will be taken by Wilfred Andrews, former legal counsel for the Temple.

And while denials were in order, Jacob Moidel issued a denial that a process server for Miss Vivian Denton, former Temple publicity agent, had been roughly handled at Angelus Temple when he attempted to serve the evangelist with a subpoena shortly before she left for Portland.

"We gladly accepted service in the suit," declared Moidel. All interest at the Temple now centers in this \$500,000 slander suit brought by Miss Denton, who charges that Mrs. McPherson assailed her character to such an extent that she was made ill and as a result tried to end her own life.

DAMAGE SUIT SET The case is on the calendar for August 31 and much speculation is rife whether Reba Crawford Spilva, stripped of all Temple authority, will testify against her superior. "I will tell the truth on the witness stand as God is my judge," is the somewhat cryptic reply made by Mrs. Spilva when asked whether she would give evidence against Mrs. McPherson at the trial.

DELAY ON FEDERAL BUILDING ANNOUNCED

By a "Times" Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, July 29. (Exclusive)—The opening of bids for construction of the new \$6,900,000 Los Angeles Federal Building and Court-house today was postponed by the Treasury Department from August 24 to September 15 because of delay in preparing blueprints and specifications.

JUDGES TO ACT Judges are Chairman Ray Ingels, director of the State Department of Motor Vehicles; Mrs. W. D. James of Hanford, president California Federation of Women's Clubs; Dan W. Emmett of Santa Paula, State Commander American Legion; Assemblyman Hornblower, San Francisco, chairman interim committee on motor vehicle legislation, and Sheriff Biscailuz, Los Angeles, president California Peace Officers' Association.

EXPENSES PAID The automobile driver considered by the judges to have the most outstanding safety record will be required to leave early next month on a tour to New York, with all expenses paid, to participate with delegates from all other States in a safety conference opening August 31. The Automobile Club of Southern California is co-operating with motor clubs throughout the country in handling arrangements for the event.

Entries closed July 22. Eligibility rules required that contestants must be active drivers who have driven private passenger automobiles without compensation for more than ten years, with not less than 50,000 miles traveled in that time and a record free of accidents or convictions of traffic law violations.

YACHT BASIN VALUE TOLD

(Continued from First Page) represented at the hearing are the Culver City and Venice chambers of commerce and the Venice Commercial Board. Edward A. Gerety, Sr., represented the board and A. J. Newton, the Venice chamber. Dr. Hyman Lamont, Arthur Galt and Hugh Braunberger spoke for Culver City.

OTHER SPEAKERS Other speakers included Lindsey K. Dickey, Los Angeles playground department; Prof. Ordean Rocky, U.C.L.A.; Joseph Jensen, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce director; Mrs. George Hines, president of Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club; J. A. Mellen, regional planning commission; M. L. Roberts and E. L. Dodds.

Assisting Capt. Cruise were G. B. Behout and B. S. Tucker, government engineers. Their recommendations will be placed before the War Department at Washington for further action.

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Divorce Awarded to Actress



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LAVISHNESS COSTS WIFE

Actress Wins Divorce on Complaint Her Husband Lived Too High

A husband whom she described as bent on living with a lavishness to which he was not accustomed was divorced yesterday by Pauline Ratay, stage actress, in Superior Judge

Bogue's court. Mrs. Ratay, who recently played a leading role in "Tobacco Road," told the court she went on the stage at the insistence of her husband, Vlad Ratay.

"He was earning \$3200 a year," Mrs. Ratay testified. "But he insisted I go to work. I was away on my tour for nine months and during that time he asked me to send him \$700. I learned later he had lost the money on the stock market."

The court ordered Ratay to pay his wife \$100 a month for a year and \$75 a month thereafter for support of herself and a 6-year-old son.

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CORSETS 25 corselettes, girdles and panties, originally to \$15.00 1/3 to 1/2 off 12 Long brassieres, broadcloth, lace, satin, uplift models, originally to \$6.50 \$2.45 Second Floor

MILLINERY 50 pastel felts for immediate wear, originally up to \$7.50 \$2.95 Mezzanine

GRAND JURY AIDE HEARD

Buckley Suit Witness Tells Lack of Thorough Check in Some of Reports

Admissions on the part of A. F. Philbrick, former auditor for the 1934 county grand jury, that some of the reports given the jury were not based on thorough investigations featured the day's session yesterday in the trial of the \$60,000 damage suit brought by Harry E. Russell, county purchasing agent, against Dr. John P. Buckley, foreman of the jury.

RUSSELL'S CHARGES Russell charges that his character was damaged in the grand jury report released at the end of the investigating body's term of office and supposedly based on the reports of several auditors acting in a similar capacity as Philbrick.

Philbrick was summoned to the witness stand by Attorney James Shappard, representing Russell, and examined on what investigation he had made before reporting to the grand jurors that the County Purchasing department was wasting money by buying non-branded drugs from wholesale houses instead of purchasing branded drugs directly from manufacturers. These drugs were largely for use at the General Hospital.

ADMISSION ON STAND In the report Philbrick had said the county had bought 1500 non-branded items from a wholesale house. But on the witness stand yesterday he admitted that some of the items were not thoroughly checked as to whether they were branded or non-branded. He also said that only one hospital had been checked to determine whether or not it was common practice in California to buy directly from manufacturers.

Russell himself returned briefly to the stand to tell Superior Judge Wilson that in many instances it was not possible to buy from manufacturers. Lawyers yesterday expressed the belief they would complete testimony today and begin on final arguments.

TOWNSENDITES TO SPEAK With Dr. Wesley M. Barrett, president, as principal speaker, Townsend Club No. 124 will hold a special meeting at 8 p.m. at headquarters, 1000 West Seventh street. Dr. Barrett has just returned from the national convention at Cleveland.

J. J. HAGGARTY SEVENTH AT GRAND MONTH-END CLEARANCE Reductions 1/3 - 1/2 and More! Today (Thursday) and Friday Thorough clearance of all late summer clothes and accessories. Several more weeks of summer weather enable Southern California women to wear J. J. Haggarty clothes at prices up to 1/2 their original cost. Two days, Thursday and Friday.

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BEACHWEAR 7 silk bathing suits, originally up to \$12.75 \$4.95 23 silk play suits, reg. \$10.75 \$5.95 100 pieces of beach apparel, pyjamas, overalls, beach capes, originally \$2.95 to \$16.75 \$1.95 to \$10.75 Mezzanine

BLOUSES 15 pastel, white net blouses, originally \$2.95 \$1.95 20 pastel, white and black net blouses, originally \$5.95 \$2.95 263 organdie blouses, all colors and sizes, orig. \$2.95 to \$11.50 \$1.95 to \$5.95

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